



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Randy Weaver, Boarder Pipe & Supply, 501 E Main, Cutbank, MT 59427

Lewis & Clark County Commissioners, Lewis & Clark County Courthouse, Helena, MT 59601

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for Bonogofsky Game Bird Farm.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 444-4720.

Thank you for you interest.

Sincerely,

Michael Korn
Helena Area Coordinator

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

1420 E 6th Ave, PO Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701
(406) 444-2452

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Bonogofsky Game Bird Farm

Application Date: September 3, 1997

Name, Address and Phone Number: Blase P. Bonogofsky, 121 Willow Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

Project Location: 121 Willow Avenue, Helena MT

Description of Project:

Mr. Bonogofsky lives in the Woodland subdivision 2 blocks north of Capitol High School just outside the Helena city limits. He currently has four bird pens which are located next to his house. The pens are approximately 12x12x8. These pens have been constructed with ½ inch mesh chicken wire and brace posts every 6 feet. Mr. Bonogofsky currently has 24 ring-necked (jumbo) pheasants, 4 chukar partridge and 4 bob white quail. He holds a permit to possess pheasants (permit #223) and has submitted an application to possess chukar partridge. He is applying for a Game Bird Farm Permit to raise and sell ring-neck pheasants and chukar partridge. During the inspection pens appeared properly constructed and the birds well taken cared for.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction:

Department of Livestock - If birds are shipped in from out-of-state an import permit may be needed.

Department of Environmental Quality - regarding disposition of waste materials.

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats				X		
3. Introduction of new species into an area				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				X		
5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater)			X			
6. Existing water right or reservation				X		
7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				X		
8. Air quality or objectional odors			X			
9. Historical & archaeological sites				X		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
11. Aesthetics				X		

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

Applicant proposes to clean bird pens every two/three weeks and replace straw bedding in the pens.

If this is not done on a regular basis odors could potentially become a problem. Used straw will be collected, bagged and disposed of at the local landfill. If neglected, over a long period of time waste products would potentially affect surface water in vicinity.

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment .

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity				X		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat				X		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income				X		
7. Access to & quality of recreational activities				X		
8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances)				X		
9. Distribution & density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services				X		
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity			X			

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

A game bird farm permit will allow applicant to sell birds listed on permit. The size of the operation is not expected to be such as to have much, if any impact on the local community.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur? No

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant? No

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

No impacts: State law authorizes persons to receive such permits if they qualify. Denial cannot be without cause .

Grant permit: would result in minor impacts, which are not significant enough to require the conditioning of the permit or a more extensive environmental document.

List proposed mitigative measures (stipulations) for license: None

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA: Mike Ottman, Helena Area Warden Sergeant, Karen Zackheim, Game Farm Coordinator, Mike Korn, Helena Area Coordinator, Jim Heck, Region 3 Game Warden.

EA prepared by: Michael T. Ottman

Date Completed: 9-15-97

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS: No EIS required

Describe public involvement, if any: None

Recommendation for license approval: Stephen L. Lewis 9-22-97
for Wildlife Manager Date
James W. Kropp 9-22-97
Warden Captain Date

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

APPLICATION AND PERMIT TO:

- PART 1. POSSESS GAME BIRDS FOR NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES (or)
 PART 2. KILL GAME BIRDS FOR DOG TRAINING

NOTE: Applicants wishing to kill game birds for dog training must complete Parts 1 and 2. Applicants wishing only to possess birds need only to complete Part 1. All applicants must sign back of application.

PART 1. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO POSSESS LIVE GAME BIRDS FOR NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

NAME Blase P. Bonagofsky PHONE 442-8109

ADDRESS 121 Willow St.
Helena MT 59601

SPECIES Chukar Partridge - Ringneck (Jumbo) pheasant - Bob white quail.

Legal description where birds will be kept:

(Section) Above (Range) Above (Township) Above

This application is for authorization to own, control, and propagate species of game birds as listed above for purposes other than sale or conveyance of game birds or parts thereof. Authority (87-4-902(1), MCA.

PART 2. APPLICATION TO KILL GAME BIRDS IN DOG TRAINING

Game Farm Species and Number Requested _____

Legal Description of Property Where Game Farm Birds Will be Used

Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Landowner's Phone Number _____

Beginning and Last Dates for Which Permit is Requested _____

Beginning Date _____ Last Date _____

General Terms of Permits:

1. All birds killed must be game farm birds obtained from a lawful source and released at the time of training.
2. Permittee will carefully flush all wild game birds from the training area each day.
3. Game farm birds may only be killed by the permittee. This permit is not transferrable and is valid only for training dogs owned by the permittee except that permittee may kill game farm birds for a nonresident dog trainer only for a period of three days prior to or three days following a registered field trial in which the nonresident has dogs competing.
4. All game farm birds used for training must have a streamer of fluorescent surveyor tape conspicuously attached prior to release at the training site.
5. Permittee must keep an accurate record of dates, numbers and species of all game farm birds used.
6. All dog training areas must be more than one mile from any designated game preserve, bird nesting or management area.
7. No training utilizing game farm birds is authorized from April 15 to July 15.
8. Permittee must have a game bird possession permit or game bird farm bill of sale for all game farm birds except quail.

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RECORD OF GAME FARM BIRDS KILLED

Signature Stephen L. Lewis

revised 8/84

REPORT OF INSPECTION
GAME, GAME BIRD, OR FUR FARM APPLICATION

Date application received 9-2-97

Fee enclosed check 5384
9-4-97 deposit

Do county records substantiate that the applicant owns or leases the premises where the operations are to be conducted? yes

Give number and species of any game animal, game bird or fur-bearing animal now on the premises. 24 Turkey pheasants - 4 chicken partridge
Ringneck

4 Bob white quail

What measures are necessary for removal of native game animals (described in 87-4-410) from the premises if a permit is issued None

Has applicant constructed fencing as required by law and according to specifications for the particular species of game or furbearer? yes

Type of fencing or pens has 4 pens which are 12x12x8. Built
with 1/2 inch chicken wire - brace posts every 6 feet.
Wire; mesh size or gauge and height; size and type of posts and distance between; overall dimensions of pens.

Number of animals or birds the applicant intends to put in the enclosed premises 20-30

Is the source of the breeding stock a lawful source? yes

Name of source Innocent Hatcheries

Address Aberdeen South Dakota

Do you recommend that a permit be issued? yes (use additional sheet for remarks if necessary) Applicant already has a permit to

Possess - wants Game Bird farm permit to sell or give away
Birds.

Date of inspection 9-15-97

Michael T. Ottum
State Game Warden

Approved Date 9-22-97
denied Date _____

Approved Date _____
Denied Date _____

Warden Captain Jim Kropp

Helena Office _____

Regional Supervisor Stephen L. Lewis

Applicant must be notified of approval or denial within 60 days of application.

Fee: \$25 PK # 5384
Dep. 9-4-97

Rev. 1-1-84

Form FG-11a

STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

APPLICATION FOR GAME BIRD FARM LICENSE

(Not Applicable to Quail)

Name of Applicant BLASE, P. BONOGOSKY
Address 121 WILLOW AVE
HELENA MONTANA 59602
City State Zip

If nonresident, name of resident agent _____

(Address)

Exact legal description of land on which the game bird farm is to be located

the above address
Section Township Range County

Species of game birds Ring Neck pheasants,

Bab. White & Chukar partridge

Name and address of the source of foundation stock J. J. Inman

Hatcheries Aberdeen So Dak.

Type of fencing Chicken wire 10 ft High

Do you plan to sell live or processed birds? yes

9-3-97
(Date)

Blase P. Bonogosky
Applicant Signature

Scale 1" = _____

Large square represents _____ section(s)

R _____ N _____ R _____

Twp _____

W _____ E _____

Twp _____

S

Draw in location of game farm to scale on lands owned or leased by applicant. Fill in legal subdivision, Section number, Township and Range.

Give exact acreage contained within pen.